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A notice of allowance was mailed in this matter on December 21, 2006. The Egbert et al. (U.S. 6,091,707) reference was cited in a related international patent application (PCT/US02/40519) in an International Preliminary Examination Report mailed October 4, 2006. An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed to give the Examiner an opportunity to consider the allowed claims with respect to the Egbert reference.

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